

III. REMARKS

1. Claims 1-17 remain in the application. Claims 1, 6-8, 11, 12, 14 and 16 have been amended.

2. Applicants appreciate the indication that claim 9 is allowed.

3. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-5, 7, 8, and 10 are patentable over the combination of Bass (US 5,896,574) and Knighton et al. (US 6,032,866, "Knighton") under 35 USC 103(a).

The combination of Bass and Knighton fails to disclose or suggest transmitting data between the electronic device and the wireless device so that the wireless device operates as an ordinary expansion memory from the viewpoint of the electronic device, as recited by claims 1, 7, and 8.

The present claims describe a wireless device, an electronic device, and a communication device mounted in the electronic device. The communication device is capable of wireless communication with the wireless device, thus enabling the electronic device to exchange data with the wireless device, as if the wireless device were an expansion memory of the electronic device.

Bass describes a wireless modem with a baseband PCMCIA card for supplying additional power, and a radio module for communicating with a wireless device. However, Bass has no disclosure related to transmitting data between an electronic device and the wireless device so that the wireless device operates as ordinary expansion memory from the viewpoint of the electronic device.

Knighton describes a foldable memory or optical reader that may plug into a PCMCIA slot of an electronic device. Knighton has no disclosure related to transmitting data between the electronic device and a wireless device so that the wireless device operates as ordinary expansion memory from the viewpoint of the electronic device.

Therefore, the combination of Bass and Knighton fails to render independent claims 1, 7, and 8 and dependent claims 2-5 and 10 unpatentable.

4. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 6 is patentable over the combination of Bass, Nakajima et al. (US 6,085,225, "Nakajima") and Knighton under 35 USC 103(a).

The combination of Bass, Nakajima and Knighton fails to disclose or suggest transmitting data between the electronic device and the wireless device so that the wireless operates as an ordinary expansion memory from the viewpoint of the electronic device, as recited by claim 6.

Nakajima describes an information transmission system that broadcasts information upon receiving an update. However, like Bass and Knighton, Nakajima fails to disclose or suggest transmitting data between an electronic device and a wireless device so that the wireless device operates as an ordinary expansion memory from the viewpoint of the electronic device.

Therefore, the combination of Bass, Nakajima and Knighton fails to render claim 6 unpatentable.

5. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 11-17 are patentable over the combination of Bass, Knighton and Okaue et al. (US 6,170,743, "Okaue") under 35 USC 103(a).

The combination of Bass, Knighton and Okaue fails to disclose or suggest a communication device for wireless communication between a wireless device and an electronic device, arranged to mount into a ground purpose expansion memory location of the electronic device such that the wireless device operates as an ordinary expansion memory from the viewpoint of the electronic device, as recited by claims 11, 12, and 16.

Okaue discloses a register based erroneous erase prevention switch. However, Okaue has no disclosure related to a communication device arranged to mount into a general purpose expansion memory location of an electronic device such that a wireless device operates as ordinary expansion memory from the viewpoint of the electronic device.

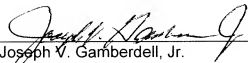
Therefore, the combination of Bass, Knighton and Okaue fails to render independent claims 11, 12, and 16 and dependent claims 13-15 and 17 unpatentable.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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